

FW: DEOC morning update

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Update in terms of Sheriffs presence overnight in the hotel parking lot. It is very likely the presence in the parking lot prevented damage to RCMP and Sheriffs vehicles and equipment.

Aaron,

As per the information relayed by A/Insp Delaney, it appears the function may be best served by SHP sheriffs as they may need the authority to lay charges and tow vehicles.

Bob

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Subject: RE: DEOC morning update

Hello Sirs,

I am having Sgt. Jorgensen gather information from his Sheriffs who were on last night's patrol in Lethbridge. They indicate there was a continuous flow of protester vehicles in and out of the parking lot -- most were outfitted with Alberta and/or Canada flags and signs or slogans attached related to vaccine mandates etc. The Sheriffs were operating a fully-marked patrol vehicle and were busy throughout the night querying and patrolling the area. They also took some enforcement action including issuing some tickets and towing one vehicle. The presence appeared to be a valuable deterrent to protesters and there was no damage to RCMP and SHP vehicles/equipment.

I have asked all intel gathered be forwarded to Insp. Rickard for processing and furtherance to Supt. Sapinsky for vetting to DEOC.

I understand there is concern with authorities for Court Sheriffs conducting patrols and while this was my initial recommendation, it seems that after last night's happenings, this task is best suited to SHP personnel who can conduct in-car checks and queries and have access to this information.

S/Sgt. Kevin Charles and other RCMP officers have wildly expressed their thanks for last night's assistance and are requesting this moving forward. I think considering the sheer volume of Branch assets in the area and the volatility and willingness of protesters to disrupt operations, this is highly advisable. These shifts run from 2100hrs. to 0700hrs. and require 2 Sheriffs in 1 patrol vehicle (for officer safety reasons). Members have been instructed to contact LRPS if any assistance is required and LRPS has been made aware of the situation and have indicated they are happy to assist if needed.

Thank you,

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Check point 10 -- located 18 km North on Hwy 4

- only 4 CV managed to get through and escorted to US border last night and then a group at this check point blocked SB again.
- RR163 was the only go around to get to the site.
- 3 more CV were being escorted as the meeting progressed this morning

This check point is of some concern of being breached today due to the tone and volume of sympathizers attempting to get to Coutts. Please continue to provide emerging details from this CP.

Jason,

-we took some enforcement actions in the hotel parking lots last night with vehicles identified as protestors and apparently towed a protestor vehicle. Can you obtain some further details? Subjects of Interest names etc?
-DEOC has asked if we can maintain hotel night patrols moving forward. Possibly over the weekend some Court Sheriffs could be utilized?

Next meeting 10:30

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